

Amendment and Response

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 6, 11, and 16-21 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a computer system for standardizing reporting of issues, assumptions, and risks for a risk review board, the method comprising:

presenting via the computer system with forms for entering information about risk management units including assumptions, risks, issues, and risk plans;

receiving via the computer system the information about a risk management unit;

providing to a user a form via the computer system, the form having entry areas for every element needed to properly adhere to a risk management scheme;

entering via the computer system information needed to properly adhere to a risk management scheme, the information including at least one of a name of a risk owner, an explanation of how the risk came about, a driver of the risk, a milestone of the risk, the last possible start date for action to take place to avoid the impact of the risk, the criticality of the risk, the controllability of the risk, what actions have been taken to-date with respect to the risk, one or more actions that have been identified to prevent the risk from occurring, and the cost of any action; and

hindering via the computer system the user from exiting the form prior to supplying appropriate information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme;

storing via the computer system the supplied information for the risk management unit;

allocating via the computer system an assumption reference number to each assumption;

allocating via the computer system a risk reference number to each risk;

allocating via the computer system an issue reference number to each issue; and

allocating via the computer system a risk plan reference number to each risk plan.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

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generating via the computer system a report in a standardized format based on the information about a risk.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising:
implementing via the computer system, by the risk management scheme, an ABCD risk management scheme, wherein at least one of the letters of "A", "B", "C" and "D" are ascribed to a determined level of risk.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the step of hindering the user from exiting the form prior to supplying appropriate information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme comprises preventing the user from exiting an entry field until the user has provided an entry for the entry field.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer program product in a computer readable media for use in a data processing system for standardizing reporting of issues, assumptions, and risks for a risk review board, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for presenting with forms for entering information about risk management units including assumptions, risks, issues, and risk plans, each form provides the user with entry areas for elements needed to properly adhere to a risk management scheme, the elements include at least one of a name of a risk owner, an explanation of how the risk came about, a driver of the risk, a milestone of the risk, the last possible start date for action to take place to avoid the impact of the risk, the criticality of the risk, the controllability of the risk, what actions have been taken to-date with respect to the risk, one or more actions that have been identified to prevent the risk from occurring, and the cost of any action;

second instructions for receiving the information about a risk management unit; and

third instructions to hinder a user from exiting a form prior to supplying appropriate information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme;

fourth instructions to store the supplied information for the risk management unit;

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fifth instructions to allocate an assumption reference number to each assumption;

sixth instructions to allocate a risk reference number to each risk;

seventh instructions to allocate an issue reference number to each issue; and

eighth instructions to allocate a risk plan reference number to each risk plan.

7. (Previously Presented) The computer program product as recited in claim 6, further comprising: fourth instructions for generating a report in a standardized format based on the information about a risk.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The computer program product as recited in claim 6, further comprising fifth instructions for implementing an ABCD risk management scheme, wherein at least one of the letters of "A", "B", "C" and "D" are ascribed to a determined level of risk.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer program product as recited in claim 6, wherein the third instructions to hinder the user from exiting a form prior to supplying appropriate information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme comprises instructions for preventing the user from exiting an entry field until the user has provided an entry for the entry field.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for standardizing reporting of issues, assumptions, and risks for a risk review board, the system comprising:

first means for presenting with forms for entering information about risk management units including assumptions, risks, issues, and risk plans, each form provides the user with entry areas for elements needed to properly adhere to a risk management scheme, the elements include at least one of a name of a risk owner, an explanation of how the risk came about, a driver of the risk; a milestone of the risk, the last possible start date for action to take place to avoid the impact of the risk, the criticality of the risk, the controllability of the risk,

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what actions have been taken to-date with respect to the risk, one or more actions that have been identified to prevent the risk from occurring, and the cost of any action;

second means for receiving the information about a risk management unit; and

third means for hindering the user from exiting a form prior to supplying appropriate information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme;

fourth means for storing the supplied information for the risk management unit;

fifth means for allocating an assumption reference number to each assumption;

sixth means for allocating a risk reference number to each risk;

seventh means for allocating an issue reference number to each issue; and

eighth means for allocating a risk plan reference number to each risk plan.

12. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 11, further comprising:

fourth means for generating a report in a standardized format based on the information about a risk.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 11, further comprising fifth means for implementing an ABCD risk management scheme, wherein at least one of the letters of "A", "B", "C" and "D" are ascribed to a determined level of risk.

15. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 11, wherein the third means for hindering the user from exiting a form prior to supplying appropriate information necessary for adherence to the risk management scheme comprises means for preventing the user from exiting an entry field until the user has provided an entry for the entry field.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising:~~
linking via the computer system each risk is associated with to an assumption.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising:~~

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linking via the computer system each risk plan is associated withto a risk.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 6, ~~wherein~~
further comprising:

ninth instructions to link each risk ~~is associated with~~to an assumption.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as recited in claim 6, ~~wherein~~
further comprising:

ninth instructions to link each risk plan ~~is associated with~~to a risk.

20. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 11, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:
ninth means for linking each risk ~~is associated with~~to an assumption.

21. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 11, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:
ninth means for linking each risk plan ~~is associated with~~to a risk.